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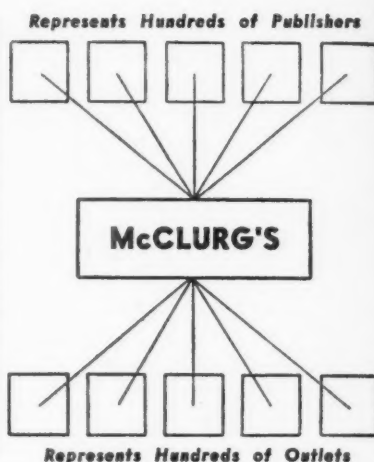
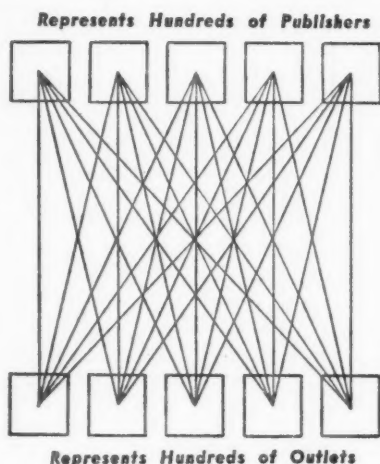
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## From The President



As this is written, early in October, the Association is entering the last lap of another year. In many respects, it has been an unusually busy one, with the Association confronted by a number of important problems. I believe that quite a bit has been accomplished, and that several important new projects are well under way.

We are now in the midst of the special District Meetings called by the Executive Board to discuss possible revision of the State Aid Law. These meetings have been surprisingly well attended, especially by trustees, and a number of excellent suggestions have been made which will be helpful in considering State Aid. Certainly, the Executive Board's goal of widespread discussion of the issues involved has been achieved. Considering the excellent attendance at these Fall meetings, some have voiced the belief that more Fall District Meetings should be planned.

All of you should have received preliminary announcements of the Conference. With the information in this issue you will have an excellent idea of what to expect. The Conference Committees have worked hard to make this one outstanding, and we expect a large attendance. With Norman Cousins as the Banquet Speaker; Thomas McKaig, New York Trustee, speaking on New York's State Aid Program; Malcolm Knowles, speaking on the "Librarian's Role in Adult Education"; and David Clift, Executive Secretary of A.L.A., as well as our State Librarian, Ruth Warncke's Book Fair Kaffee Klatsch, and an excellent group of film showings under the direction of Kurtz Myers, I feel that a great deal is offered. Certainly, the Pre-Conference Adult Education Institute, under the able leadership of William Chait, is an appropriate send-off for this Conference.

The Executive Board is looking for people to fill two important positions: that of Executive Secretary, due to the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Wylie; and that of Editor of the Michigan Librarian, caused by the resignation of Mr. James Green effective with this issue. Both Mrs. Wylie and Mr. Green have contributed a great deal to the Association, and it is important that able successors be quickly appointed. If you have any suggestions, please contact Miss Burnside.

As I approach the end of my tenure, and look back over the past past year, I am impressed with two things. First, the responsibility involved in serving an organization like ours with some 1,400 members, seven districts, eight sections, and eighteen committees. The duties have been much heavier than I ever anticipated, caused perhaps by the many special problems arising during the past year. Along with this, I have been amazed and pleased by the large number of members who have contributed toward the Association. Traditionally, most organizations are run by a few people, but not M.L.A. To me, the the strongest thing about our organization is the fact that a very large number of members from all parts of the State have given generously of their time and efforts whenever called upon to do so. I am grateful to all these librarians and trustees who have contributed so much, and especially to the Executive Board which has worked so closely with me. It goes without saying that M. L. A. faces serious problems. However, as Miss Burnside begins her year as President, she should be greatly reassured by the large, active membership that she has behind her. I know you join with me in wishing her every success.

I look forward to seeing you at Lansing.

Robert M. Orr

# The Conference - Nov. 5-8, 1952

## (Hotel Olds, Lansing, Mich.)

### Wednesday, November 5, 1952

9 a. m. - 8 p. m.	Registration Exhibits open all day <i>Adult Education Institute</i> William Chait, Chairman	American Room
10:30 - 11:00 a. m.	Registration (No extra fee for the Institute)	
11:00 a. m. - 12:30 p. m.	Film Discussion Demonstration (Films and materials recommended and prepared by the Fund for Adult Education will be used) Mrs. Thelka Hodgson, Detroit Public Library Ruth Hauser, Detroit Public Library Forrest H. Alter, Detroit Public Library, Chairman	
12:30 - 2 p. m.	Lunch—Anywhere you please	
2:00 - 3:15 p. m.	Working with Community Groups Labor—Dorothy Bendix, Detroit Public Library Business and Industry—Martin Cohen, Kalamazoo Public Library Organized Groups—Norman Bunker, Carnegie Library, Ironwood Ruth Warncke, Kent County Library Mrs. Carrie S. Palmer, Moderator	
3:15 - 3:45 p. m.	Business Meeting and Intermission	
3:45 - 5 p. m.	American Heritage Book Discussion Demonstration Margaret Monroe, A.L.A. headquarters "Declaration of Independence"—Please bring copies.	
4:30 - 6 p. m.	Film Showing "The Lonely Night"	Spartan Room
	Discussion leader—Mrs. Mary Weaver Michigan Department of Mental Health	
8 p. m.	First General Session Robert M. Orr, President Report to the Association Malcolm Knowles, Administrative Coordinator, Adult Education Association "The Role of the Librarian in Adult Education"	Ballroom
10 p. m.	Reception	Ballroom

### Thursday, November 6, 1952

9:00 a. m. - 6 p. m.	Be sure to see the exhibits	Lobby
9 a. m. - 8 p. m.	Registration	Lobby
	<i>Workshop on "Libraries and Non-Book Materials"</i>	Ballroom
9 - 10 a. m.	Kurtz Myers, Chairman "The Impact of Mass Media" Dr. Norman Woelfel, Bureau of Educational Research, Ohio State University	
10:00 a. m. - 11:30 a. m.	Latest developments in the use of: 1. Films and recordings Kurtz Myers, Detroit Public Library 2. Radio and television James Mitchell, Detroit Public Library	

	3. Microfilm, microcard and microprint Martin Cohen, Kalamazoo Public Library	
	4. Business machines and other gadgets To be announced	
	5. Tape recorders Raymond Mahoney, Detroit Public Library	
11:30 a. m. - 12 noon	Discussion	
12:30 p. m.	Section Luncheons	
	Hospital Libraries Section      Parlor A	
	"Fiction for Bibliotherapy" (Illustrated with recorded interviews)	
	Dr. Maurice Floch, Clinical Psychologist, Detroit House of Correction	
	Business Meeting	
	College Libraries Section      East Room	
	Speaker—Dr. F. Clever Bald	
	Michigan Historical Collections, Ann Arbor	
2:00 - 4:30 p. m.	Trustee Section	
	Business Meeting      American Room	
	<i>Book Fair Kaffee Klatsch</i> Ballroom	
	Ruth Warncke, Chairman and Discussion Leader	
2:00 p. m.	Why Book Fairs?	
	Mrs. Ruth Gagliardo, Director, Traveling Exhibit and Book Review Editor, Kansas State Teachers Association	
2:15 p. m.	What and How of Book Fairs—A discussion	
	Mrs. Majel Reed, Librarian, Belding	
	Others to be selected	
3:00 p. m.	Kaffee Klatsch	
	Break for coffee	
	Group planning for book fairs in various types of communities	
3:30 p. m.	Expert Help	
	General discussion on book fair problems with a staff of experts to help with the solutions	
4:15 p. m.	Summary of the meeting—Mrs. Gagliardo (Admission by ticket obtainable at Registration Desk for 25 cents)	
4:30 - 6 p. m.	Film Showing      Spartan Room	
	Films to be selected from:	
	"Index to Progress"—English	
	"Vagen Til Boden"—Swedish	
	"The Impressionable Years"—American	
	"The Library Story"—American	
	"The Library—a Family Affair"—Brooklyn	
8 p. m.	Second General Session—Trustee Program      Ballroom	
	Robert M. Orr, Presiding	
	Mrs. Clarence B. Hilberry, Chairman	
	"The Story of State Aid in New York"	
	Thomas H. McKaig, Trustee, Erie County Public Library	
	Hearing Board—Discussion	
10 p. m.	Social Evening—Square Dancing      Ballroom	
	Harold Newman, Caller	

# Friday, November 7, 1952

8 a. m.	County Library Section Breakfast Business Meeting	
9 a. m. - 6 p. m.	Registration	
9 a. m. - 6 p. m.	Have you seen the exhibits?	
10 a. m.	Third General Session Robert M. Orr, Presiding "Report to the Stockholders" David Clift, Executive Secretary, American Library Association Business meeting—Reports and discussion of Certification, Legislation and planning	
12:30 - 3:30 p. m.	Section Luncheons Reference Section—Luncheon Program—Panel and Discussion "The Reference Assistant Looks at the Head Librarian" The Big Library: DeLyle Runge, Grand Rapids Public Library The Small Library: Roger E. Walcott, Ferndale Public Library The College Library: Catherine O'Connell, Central Michigan College The Library with Growing pains: Melitta Roemer, Grosse Pointe Public Library Moderator: Lynn D. Bartlett, Detroit Public Library Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers—Luncheon "Personnel in Catalog Departments"—Feliz Reichmann, Assistant Director, Cornell University Library Business Meeting School and Children's Section Speaker—Dr. Thelma James, Wayne University On Folklore, "Let's Know It and Use It"	Spartan Room American Room YMCA East Room
3:30 - 6 p. m.	A good time to see the exhibits Tours to Michigan State College and Oldsmobile plant to be arranged	Lobby
4:30 - 6 p. m.	Film showing—Michigan films Meet Outstate Michigan Tale of Two Towns Wisdom Grows Outdoors	Spartan Room
6:30 p. m.	Conference Banquet (Dress optional) Robert M. Orr, Presiding Mrs. M. A. Waldo, Board Member Lansing Public Library, Chairman "Who Speaks for Man?"—Norman Cousins, Editor, Saturday Review of Literature (Mr. Cousins has consented to autograph copies of his new book before or after the banquet)	Ballroom

## Saturday, November 8, 1952

9 - 10 a. m.	Registration	
10 a. m.	Fourth General Session	Ballroom
	Frances Burnside, President Elect, presiding	
	Business Meeting	
	Reports and discussions on public relations, Intellectual Freedom, Finances and Federal Relations	
	"A Look Forward"—D. W. Kohlstedt, Chairman	
	State Board for Libraries	
12:30 p. m.	Luncheon—Old and new executive boards and old and new committee and section chairmen	
	Business Meeting	
	Registration—Conference	\$2.00
	One Day	.75

## Trustees Section

Thursday, November 6, 1952

10:00 A. M. Brown Room, Hotel Olds

Meeting of the Executive Board of the Trustees Section. All trustees are welcome.

Greetings from Mr. Robert Orr, President of M. L. A.

Business Meeting.

Discussion of Guide Sheet for District Chairmen prepared by the Executive Committee

12:00 noon Luncheon. To be arranged.

2:00 P. M. Brown Room, Hotel Olds

Annual Meeting of the Trustees Section.

Business Meeting

Election of officers.

Tribute to Miss Marion Packard by Mrs. J. S. Lambie, Trustee Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham.

Discussion of Two Trustee Problems

I. Friends of the Library, Why and How. Leader: Miss Jeanne Lloyd, Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham.

II. How can a trustee present convincingly to the financial authority the needs of the library. Leader to be announced.

8:00 P. M. General Session

Speaker: Mr. Thomas H. McKaig, Chairman, Trustees Section of American Library Association

Notes:

Mr. McKaig is consulting architectural engineer with offices in Buffalo. He is a trustee of the Erie County Library Trustees Association. He was chairman of Governor Dewey's Library Aid Committee, 1949. He is a contributing editor, *Empire State Architect*. Author of *Applied Structural Design*.

Topic: The Story of State Aid in New York.

Discussion

Co-ordinator: Miss Ruth Warncke, Kent County Library

Panel: Mr. William J. Cummings, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Mrs. Mary Daume, Monroe County Library

Mrs. Loleta Fyan, Michigan State Library

Mrs. George Graybiel, Kent County Library

## Section and Special Meetings

Trustee Section Officers and District Trustee Chairmen will meet Thursday morning, November 6, 10:00 to 12:00, Brown Room, Hotel Olds.

Luncheon and banquet tickets Hospital Library Section luncheon November 6, Parlor A, Hotel Olds, price \$2.55.

College Library Section luncheon East Room, Hotel Olds, November 6, price \$2.65.

County Library Section breakfast November 7, East Room, Hotel Olds, price \$2.30.

School and Children's Section luncheon November 7, East Room, Hotel Olds, price \$2.65.

Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers Luncheon, Lansing Y.M.C.A., 12:30 November 7, price \$2.00.

Conference Banquet November 7, 6:30 P.M. Ball Room, Hotel Olds, price \$4.65.

Advance reservations for luncheon and banquet tickets should be sent to Miss Gertrude Hale, Chairman, Tickets Committee, East Lansing Public Library, before October 30. Reference Section Luncheon reservations are to be sent to Mr. Francis Scannell, Detroit Public Library.

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## Time For Sightseeing In Lansing

Whether you are an old or new visitor in Lansing—you are probably hoping for time during M.L.A. to explore the city.

"Lunch—anywhere you please," these magic words on M.L.A.'s conference program say that you may, if you wish, begin your sightseeing fun opening day—Wednesday noon. If you can get started out East Michigan Avenue before the 12 o'clock rush, there will be time to lunch at M.S.C.'s new Kellogg Center. You'll find the building's beauty stills your resolve to see more of the campus this time.

Or—if you haven't visited the Capitol—this might be a good time to take a tour, with one of the guides on hand between 9 and 4.

One of Lansing's advantages is that distances are short and traffic moves quickly. Sometime during your stay, you'll find yourself back in East Lansing reveling in M.S.C.'s winding campus and its hundreds of unusual trees and shrubs from all over the world. The college library is open from early morning to 10 p. m., while down Abbott Road is the East Lansing library with its new addition, attractive in modern furnishings.

When you want a breath of air or to stretch your legs, stroll two blocks north of the Olds headquarters to peaceful Reutter Park—or visit the State Library Information and Teletype Center on the Capitol's Ground Floor.

Ask at the registration desk about special tours arranged by the local committee; at Oldsmobile where you will see a key industry at work; to the splendid new *State Journal building*; or, on Thursday afternoon, the view of the "City in the Forest" from Olds Tower.

The Lansing Public Library, Michigan State Library, Ingham County Library at Mason, and the Michigan Historical Museum will welcome you any time you can spare from those sessions circled on your program. Look over the list of other suggestions for sight-seeing fun at the registration desk.

We hope the Capitol will be featuring its new lights by the time you make this conference visit.

## Annual Reports

*Editor's Note . . . It was the decision of the Executive Board that the annual report to the Association which, heretofore, has been published as a separate publication should be, this year, included in the pages of the conference issue of the Michigan Librarian.*

### Treasurer's Report, January 1-September 30, 1952

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1952

including all funds -----

\$ 4672.58

#### RECEIPTS

Bement Memorial Fund -----		3.00
Dues -----		
Institutional -----	\$ 475.50	
Personal -----	3127.00	
Trustee -----	210.50	
Total -----		3813.00
Institute -----		105.95
Conference -----		445.00
Districts -----		14.32
Michigan Librarian -----		
Sales -----	8.95	
Advertising -----	1021.44	
Total -----		1030.39
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund -----		210.50
Scholarship Fund -----		112.01
Total Receipts -----		5734.17
GRAND TOTAL -----		10,406.75

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Advisory Council & Executive Board -----		625.95
A. L. A. Membership -----		37.00
Committees, Special -----		356.95
Committees, Standing -----		
Legislative -----	484.79	
Membership -----	225.69	
Planning -----	88.64	
Public Relations -----	11.40	
Salary, Staff, and Tenure -----	12.70	
Publications -----	00.00	
Scholarship -----	00.00	
Total -----		823.22
Conference -----		1731.09
Districts 1, 2, 4-7 -----		186.07
District 3 -----		30.00
Dues, Personal -----		13.00
Executive Secretary, Salary of -----		528.12
Fyan Gift Fund -----		247.50
Michigan Librarian -----		1603.84
Office Expense -----		
Bonding Fees -----	25.00	
Clerical Aid to Officers -----	44.20	

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Postage and Express -----	74.49	
Stationery and Supplies -----	40.55	
Telephone and Telegraph -----	54.50	
Total -----		238.74
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund -----		508.56
Scholarship Fund -----		125.00
Sections -----		29.35
Total -----		7084.39

## RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts Including all funds		
Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		10,406.75
Total Disbursements		
Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		7084.39
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1952 -----		3322.36
Bement Memorial Fund -----	438.60	
District 3 -----	55.51	
Fyan Gift Fund -----	252.50	
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund -----	660.21	
Scholarship Fund -----	101.71	
General M.L.A. Funds -----	1813.83	
Total -----		3322.36
Bement Memorial Fund		
On hand January 1, 1952 -----		435.60
Receipts Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		3.00
Balance September 30, 1952 -----		438.60
District 3		
On hand January 1, 1952 -----		85.51
Disbursements Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		30.00
Balance Sept. 30, 1952 -----		55.51
Fyan Gift Fund		
On hand January 1, 1952 -----		500.00
Disbursements Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		247.50
Balance September 30, 1952 -----		252.50
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund		
On hand January 1, 1952 -----		958.27
Receipts Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		210.50
Disbursements Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		508.56
Balance September 30, 1952 -----		660.21
Scholarship Fund		
On hand January 1, 1952 -----		114.70
Receipts Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		112.01
Disbursements Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 1952 -----		125.00
Balance September 30, 1952 -----		101.71

## Committee Reports

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee of Michigan Library Association has been very active in behalf of the current state aid grants to libraries. Because of the present weakness of Michigan's state financial structure, many legislators were in favor of entirely eliminating state aid to libraries. It is, when compared to education's state aid funds, health funds, etc., a very small grant. For this reason, it was feared that it would be one of the first grants eliminated this year. However, because most Michigan libraries made a sincere effort to contact their own legislators, and because the Legislative Committee spent many hours in Lansing talking to both

Representatives and Senators, the current grant for State Aid to Libraries was passed without cutting. We have been warned by legislators, however, that next year the picture may be even blacker, so it will be necessary for all of us to work harder than ever.

Because during our visits with legislators this year we have discovered some weaknesses in our own legislative action, the Legislative Committee wishes to pass on to Michigan Librarians these suggestions for improved contact with those who make our laws:

1. Make a friend of your legislator. Make sure he knows what you're doing in your library, and what the community is doing for you.
2. Let your legislator know all year round, not just at bill-passing time, that you are aware of what he's doing in the legislature. Give him the idea that he can sometimes be useful to the library in other ways than simply in making more money available to it.
3. Encourage your friends in your community to do more talking about the library and what it means to the community. Your legislator pays more attention to those things he thinks mean most to the greatest number of people in his home community.
4. Make sure your legislator, and everyone else you can influence in your own community, knows what you receive from state aid and what you purchase with these funds. If you can prove how much your library needs state aid, it will be an important issue to your legislator.

We in Michigan are lucky to be operating libraries in a state which is one of the leaders in the library field. There are still many areas in Michigan unserved by libraries, however. It is our opportunity today to keep Michigan a leader by improving and increasing library service throughout the state. The Legislative Committee hopes it has justified your faith in it by helping to improve libraries in Michigan through legislative action.

Mary Daume, *Chairman*

Mrs. George Graybiel  
Maureen Fisher  
Karl Burg  
Charles Follo

Emma Sihler  
Richard Malone  
Leonora Hass  
Norman Bunker  
Eleanor Ferguson, *Ex-Officio, Federal Relations Comm.*

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

One meeting of the Committee was held to discuss policy and the rest of the work was carried on by correspondence.

Letters were sent to delinquent members, to armed service librarians, and to new librarians in Michigan.

Membership dues were collected at Section and District meetings and membership applications were mailed to those registered who were not M.L.A. members.

A new membership form was drafted and sent out for bids.

The Committee recommends that directors of libraries assume greater responsibility for the collection of dues in their agencies. This will aid the work of the Executive Secretary.

The following names have been recommended to the Committee for Honorary Life Membership in M.L.A.:

	Formerly		
Elizabeth Briggs	Royal Oak Public	Samuel McAllister	University of Michigan
Gail Curtis	State Library	Lydia Olson	College Libr., Marquette
Maud Grill	Jackson County Library	Nina Preston	State Library
F.L.D. Goodrich	Ann Arbor	Flora Roberts	Kalamazoo Public
Jeanne Griffin	Kalamazoo Public	Florence Severs	Grosse Pointe Public
Frances Hannum	Ann Arbor Public	May Sibley	Muskegon Public
Marjorie Hazzards	State Library	Mary Marjorie Smith	Wayne University
		Elizabeth McPhail, <i>Chairman</i>	

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE

At a committee meeting on February 26, it was agreed that it be recommended to the executive board that Mrs. Gretchen Knief Schenk be approached relative to directing a state-

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wide survey of library conditions, as proposed in the previous report of this committee. With approval from the board, Mrs. Schenk was approached, and indicated that while she was not available for an extended survey at this time, she would be willing to meet with the committee for a two or three day conference to discuss state library problems.

On June 18 and 19 this conference was held in Lansing, and was attended, in addition to committee members, by representatives from the state library and the executive board.

The discussions of these two days centered largely around the following points:

1. Quality and adequacy of library service in the state of Michigan.
2. Need for revision and modernization of the state aid program.
3. Need of or possibility for revised regional planning.
4. A study of the present service and status of the state library and its building needs.

Out of these discussions came the following recommendations for immediate action, which were submitted to the executive board:

1. That the Committee on Relations with Publishers be authorized to proceed at once with a survey of the reading resources in Michigan communities.
2. That there be recommended to the Interim Committee to study the state aid law:
  - a. Broadening of the state aid law to conform to modern trends.
  - b. Allowing of more discretion to the State Board for Libraries on methods of distribution of grants.
  - c. Expansion of state library consultant services.
  - d. Book distribution as a method of equalization.
  - e. Demonstrations and other experiments to improve and extend libraries.
3. That M.L.A. support the 1953 request of the State Board for Libraries for money to plan an adequate state library building.

Recommendations for long-term planning were:

1. Enlarge Planning Committee to include representatives of all types of libraries, and citizens.
2. Consider the possibility of a state supported library for the upper Peninsula.
3. A demonstration county or regional library, located in or near Lansing, possibly to serve the counties of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham, and serving as:
  - a. An operating library.
  - b. A training center.
  - c. An experimental center.
  - d. A center for model equipment and regional services.

An immediate result of committee recommendations was the calling of the special district meetings in the fall of 1952, for the purpose of acquainting librarians, trustees, and citizens with the need for changes in the state aid law, and with the long term program.

Clifford B. Wightman, *Chairman*

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee has made contact with various state organizations during the year including the following:

Federated Garden Clubs of the State of Michigan.  
International Altrusa Clubs, Michigan Chapter.  
League of Women Voters of Michigan.  
Michigan Division of the American Association of University Women.  
Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers.  
Michigan State Federation of Womens Clubs.

The work of the committee is by no means finished as this report is written and will continue during the weeks until the annual meeting in November.

Jeanne Lloyd, *Chairman*

## SALARY, STAFF AND TENURE COMMITTEE

In January, the Salary, Staff and Tenure Committee received from the State Board for Libraries two proposals, one for changes in standards for public libraries, and one for revision of certification requirements.

The committee recommends adoption of the proposed changes in standards, which are as follows:

Population Groupings	Present	Proposed
Class V	15,000 and up	15,000 - 49,999
Class VI	—	50,000 and up
Hours open		
Class III	40 hours per week	35 per week
Staff		
Head Librarian—Class VI	—	As for Class V and 4 years of library administrative experience
Assistant		
Class II	1st Grade Certificate	Omit requirements for assistant
Class III	2nd Grade Certificate	1st Grade certificate
Class IV	3rd Grade Certificate	2nd Grade certificate
Class V	40% of staff holding 3rd, 4th and 5th grade certificates.	1/3 of staff holding 3rd, 4th and 5th grade certificates
Class VI	—	1/3 of staff holding 3rd, 4th and 5th grade certificates

Since the date of our meeting the State Board has revised its proposed changes in certification and has distributed the new revision at the district meetings.

### Pensions

So many bills affecting retirement were introduced into the legislature this year that a new standing committee on retirement was appointed in the House of Representatives. It would be wise for M.L.A. to keep in touch with members of this committee, and let them know our needs.

Your attention is respectfully called to the information on social security in the *Michigan Library News* for June, 1952.

### Certification

The sub-committee on certification has submitted the report on certification which was presented to the Executive Board on February 7, 1952, printed in the March issue of the *Michigan Librarian*, and discussed at the district meetings.

William Chait  
Louise Le Fevre  
Adah Shelly

Claire Small  
Blanche Williams  
Helen S. Cooper, *Chairman*

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1. The Committee began with \$164.70. This fund was increased through contributions at the District I meeting in Berrien Springs on April 24th, 1952, by the amount of \$32.60. Making a total of \$197.30.

From this fund five workshop scholarships were granted during the summer of 1952. Three for St. Mary's and two for Higgins Lake. Each was for \$25.00, total \$125.00, balance in Scholarship fund \$72.30.

11. The Bement Memorial Fund has not changed status. Two active loans and one inactive leave a balance of \$455.60 (with a small amount of interest paid by one of the borrowers, the treasurer received it, and I do not know the exact amount).

Mate Graye Hunt, *Chairman*

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

No matters requiring action were referred to the Publications Committee during the year and, as a consequence, no meeting of the committee was held. The old adage, "Let well enough alone" seemed to be a sufficient justification for this period of inactivity.

Hobart Coffey, *Chairman*

## FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

This year's chief objective of the Federal Relations Committee was the vital one of getting H. R. 5195, the Library Services Bill, favorably reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor. Since Rep. Charles E. Potter of Cheboygan was a member both of the committee and the subcommittee appointed to consider this legislation, we asked many of the librarians of his district to write him supporting it. The Federal Relations Committee wants to thank all those who did so, in spite of the fact that Rep. Potter decided to approve the favorable report on the bill while reserving to himself the right to speak against it on the floor of the House of Representatives. The very heavy schedule of the whole Committee prevented consideration of the bill prior to the adjournment of Congress, but it is expected that the committee will consider it as soon as it meets in January, 1953. A companion bill, S. 1452, has been favorably reported to the Senate, but no action is likely until the House of Representatives acts.

We have been asked by the Federal Relations Committee of ALA to consider appointing a member of the Federal Relations Committee in each Congressional District, some one who could become personally acquainted with his representative and with local persons who might have influence. The present chairman recommends this step most highly, with the suggestion that such a group might also function as an arm of the Legislative Committee.

The Committee wishes to express its sorrow at the loss of one of its most able members, Cecelia Hoffman, who died on August 14, 1952.

Cecelia Hoffman  
Robert Orr

Eudocia Stratton  
Eleanor A. Ferguson, *Chairman*

## CITATION OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

The American Library Association Citation of Trustees committee requested from the membership of the Michigan Library Association the names of trustees who seemed worthy of special honor. A notice appeared in the December issue of the Michigan Librarian and letters requesting help were sent to Miss Eudocia Stratton, Head of Extension Department, Michigan State Library, and to Mrs. Thelma Kramer of the Trustee Section. One name was presented, that of Mr. William VanDyke, former trustee of the Wayne County Public Library. His name, however, was not approved by the American Library Association jury because of the many other candidates, all of whom had performed meritorious services.

After the deadline of March 15 had passed, several other names were received. These names will be turned over to the next chairman.

It is the suggestion of the committee that because of the length of time required in getting requests in print and receiving the answers to them before the deadline, that the committee be appointed at least by July 1st of the year it must serve. Perhaps this could be done by the president-elect. Copy for the Michigan Librarian and the Michigan Library News must be ready in time to reach December issues.

Lucille Harwick

Helen L. Warner, *Chairman*

## INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

The Institute for Librarians held in Ann Arbor, June 9-10, 1952 followed the pattern set for the first experimental Institute held in 1951. Again two lectures of the week-long Alumni University Program of the University of Michigan were selected to supplement the offerings on professional library topics. Mr. Charles Fries and Mr. Carlton Wells, both of the University English Department spoke on the following topics respectively: Usage and Grammar as the first two topics covered in a series called *Words and Their Ways*.

The Library topics were presented by the following persons: Mr. James W. Mitchell and Miss Alma Eva both of the Detroit Public Library Staff spoke on Public relations with Miss Eva covering relations with the press; Mr. Charles Mohrhardt, Associate Director of the Detroit Public Library presented two programs, the first on his experiences in Berlin with the commission setting up the American Memorial Library and the second on library buildings. Mr. Colton Storm, Director of the William L. Clements Library of Americana, spoke about early Americana and illustrated with examples from the Clements Library Collection.

Reports from persons who attended the meetings indicate that each program offered practical suggestions to the participants in the Conference. The Committee is grateful indeed to our colleagues who gave their time to make the program a success. Thanks are due also to the Extension Service of the University for its invitation to attend the Alumni University lectures and special thanks should go to the Institute Office of the Extension Service for help in working out the many details involved in any series of meetings of this kind. We acknowledge a debt of some proportion to Mr. Colton Storm, who not only participated in the program, but also allowed us to use the Clements Library facilities when we struck a scheduling snag at the Rackham Building. In addition, Mr. Storm and his staff provided the refreshments that closed the program on Tuesday afternoon.

The Institute Committee made a very special effort this year to arrange the program early enough so that extensive publicity could precede it. In spite of our best effort the attendance was slightly less than last year, although the conference was still financially solvent. Twenty-three people attended the full week's program; 13 the two-day program; 15 on Monday only and 32 on Tuesday only, making a total registration of 83 as compared with 90 last year. Again this year the State Board for libraries approved Alumni University as a training period for those librarians in the state who were renewing certificates. Since the 23 who came for this full week was an increase over the 13 who were renewing certificates last year even fewer people attended the meetings from a sense of need. This has led the Committee to do some soul searching.

We have inquired of agencies that sponsor conference programs and have learned that a five-year span is frequently considered necessary to make sure that any new program is needed and to give time to experiment with types of offerings. We are, therefore, recommending that the Institute program not be abandoned until additional ones are presented and the attendance figures studied.

Beyond this, the Committee makes no specific recommendations for the next Institute, which by vote of the Association membership is now to be held biennially. Our comments are in the nature of suggestions to our successors on the committee and to the Executive Board.

The Committee makes the suggestion that a broader base of sponsorship might increase both the interest in, and the responsibility for, the Institute. Our thinking is in terms of the Library Schools of the state, the State Board for Libraries, and some of the Association sections as the agencies also interested in the professional training and advancement of librarians. The Executive Board might consider inviting these agencies to co-sponsor the program. Future committees may wish to consider a change of time, since there was some evidence that the program in June interferes with ALA plans, or place, as well as in type of program.

Clover Flanders, *Chairman*

## RECRUITING COMMITTEE

The release of the enrollment statistics revealing a decrease of 289 students in the 34 accredited library schools in 1951-52 impelled members of this committee or its representatives to ask for time at spring district meetings in order to alert librarians to watching for qualified people and informing them of opportunities in this profession. An information sheet was prepared, and distributed there.

The school librarians of the Michigan Association of School Librarians and the Michigan Library Association School Library Institutes invited members of this committee to present information. A display of recent brochures and library school catalogs was exhibited at the latter, and may be secured for local displays from the chairman. Work was continued on lining up as speakers on high school career day programs, librarians with wide experience. One library open-house program for high school students was reported.

Recommendations to the 1952-53 Committee are:

1. Pointing out the need for and helping prepare a short program on recruitment for the Student Library Assistants of Michigan, as for the sake of variety, nothing was done with them this year.

2. Contacting advisers of the Future Teachers of America Clubs so that members of this group will consider library work in addition to classroom teaching.
3. Planning with college librarians and guidance personnel for recruitment of college students.

Sarita Davis, *Chairman*

## COMMITTEE ON M.L.A. FINANCES

This new special committee had not met when the annual reports were due. However, there will be a meeting before the conference and a report will be made at that time.

Marian C. Young, *Chairman*

## INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

Letters and suggestions from Michigan Librarians received by members of the Legislative Committee of Michigan Library Association seemed to indicate a need for study of the present State Aid to Libraries Law. Some librarians were dissatisfied, some did not understand the law, and some were satisfied with the law as it applied to their libraries, but felt that it was not understood by librarians in the northern part of the state. In order to comply with these requests, the Interim Study Committee was appointed to work with the Education Sub-Committee of the Ways and Means Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives and to study the present law, making suggestions for possible revisions. No time limit was set on the work of this committee. They do not have to have a revision of the law ready for the next session of the legislature, therefore, they are able to make a thorough study of the matter. In order to make sure that all districts of the state will have the opportunity to express their state aid needs, the committee is presenting the facts on current state aid, a history of past state aid, and suggestions for the future to librarians and interested citizens at a series of fall district meetings this year. At these meetings those present are encouraged to participate in discussion of the problem and to make suggestions as to possible solution of it. It is hoped that from these meetings will come practical ideas for revision of the law, and a greater understanding of the present law.

The present state aid law in Michigan has been a model for many other states. We must not lose sight of the fact that some of its provisions have done much to improve Michigan libraries. However, perhaps the time has come for a further step. The librarians and library trustees of Michigan will be able to answer that question. After the fall meetings, this committee hopes to be able to pass your suggestions on to the executive board of Michigan Library Association, to the State Board for Libraries, and to the study committee of the Michigan Legislature for further consideration. Legislators with who this committee is working are: Rep. Rollo G. Conlin, Rep. Wade VanValkenburg, and Rep. Richard Thompson, members of the Sub-Committee on Education of the Ways and Means Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Arthur Yabroff  
Frances Burnside

Mrs. Marion Wilcox  
Charles Follo

Mary Daume, *Chairman*

## INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

This recently appointed committee will have its first meeting on October 10. The plan for procedure which the chairman will offer at that meeting for the consideration of the members is three-fold:

1. To develop an educational program for librarians, trustees, and the public on the meaning of intellectual freedom.
2. To work out plans of procedure to follow in cases of violations of our principles of intellectual freedom.
3. To act according to those plans when need arises.

Charles Follow  
Kathryn Stokes

Helen Warner  
Keith Doms

Lucille Prange  
Mrs. Edna Mack  
Roberta Kenniston  
Mrs. Therese Flaherty

George Stephens  
Mrs. C. Leslie Rolfe  
Robert Runser  
Mrs. Fannie Noonan  
Ruth Warncke, *Chairman*

## COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH PUBLISHERS

The Committee has two important projects underway:

1. A Book Fair Kaffee Klatsch scheduled for Thursday, November 6, at M.L.A. Its purpose is to explore the possibilities of Book Fairs with library approved objectives, and to discuss the problems involved in holding Book Fairs. Planning for the meeting was done in cooperation with bookmen, who will also take part in the discussion.
2. A study of the book stock in Michigan public libraries. The objective is to determine the strengths and weaknesses of our book stock. The report should be of use to librarians as a buying guide, in policy recommendations to boards of trustees, and in budget requests before state and local legislative groups. It should serve book dealers as an analysis of the buying patterns of libraries. The preliminary report should be ready for the M.L.A. meeting in November, since the basic checklists have been compiled, and mailing is scheduled for October. The study was undertaken at the request of the planning committee of MLA, by the members of the Relations with Publishers Committee, and the sub-committee on displays.

Committee: Ruth Warncke, Chairman Sub-committee: Claxton Helms

Dorothy Hansen  
Virginia Summers  
Maureen Fisher  
Margaret Wylie  
Florence Hazlett

Katharine Rebene  
Jeanne Lloyd  
Hazel Brown  
Grace Burgett  
Mrs. Majel Reed, *Chairman*

## Committee Appointments

### *Committee on Intellectual Freedom*

Chairman: Ruth Warncke, Kent County Library, 1961 Godfrey St. S. W., Grand Rapids 9  
Mrs. Therese Flaherty, Public Library, Traverse City  
Mrs. Edna Ballard Mack, 1057 Lincoln Ave., Ann Arbor  
Keith Doms, Public Library, Midland  
Helen L. Warner, Willard Library, Battle Creek  
Kathryn Stokes, Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo 45  
Charles Follo, Upper Peninsula Area University of Michigan Extension Service, Junior High School, Escanaba  
Robert E. Runser, Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit 2  
Mrs. Roberta C. Keniston, 1507 E. Park Place, Ann Arbor

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Mrs. C. Leslie Rolfe, Route 2, Stanton  
Lucille Prange, E. Grand Rapids High School

### *Committee on MLA Finances*

Chairman: Marian C. Young, Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit 2  
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Donald Kohlstedt, Public Library, Grand Rapids  
Hobart R. Coffey, University of Michigan Law Library, Ann Arbor  
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## Special District Meetings

This fall the Executive Board of M.L.A. called a series of special District meetings to discuss possible revision of the State Aid Laws. These meetings were planned under the direction of Miss Frances Burnside, President-elect, who worked with District Chairmen and interested committees to make them successful. The district meetings are a follow-up of the work of the Interim Study Committee on State Aid of M.L.A. and the Education Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee.

These meetings were called for one purpose, to give librarians and trustees in all parts of the State an opportunity to get together and discuss the defects of the present law, and to recommend changes that would correct these deficiencies. As of this writing, three meetings have been held, with four more scheduled before the end of October. They have been well attended, and have resulted in excellent discussion on the entire State Aid picture. The trustee response has been particularly gratifying.

The District 6 meeting was held September 22 at the Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord. Under Miss Grace Jessup, Petoskey, District Chairman, the meeting was well organized, and was very successful. There was an excellent turnout, especially by trustees. The District 2 meeting was held September 24 in the Michigan State Union Building, East Lansing. Under Mrs. D. G. Dearing, Hartland, District Chairman, there was a most successful meeting, also highlighted by trustee participation. The next was the District 3 meeting on October 2 in the McGregor Library at Highland Park, under Miss Jeanne Lloyd, Birmingham, District Chairman. Again, the meeting was well attended and profitable. Other meetings were: District 5, October 9 at Midland; District 4, October 10, at Grand Rapids; District 7, October 18 at Escanaba; and District 1, week of October 20, at Kalamazoo.

While there are many points of view on State Aid, and many involved ramifications, the meetings to date have helped to formulate present thinking on State Aid. The attitude shown by the majority has been that of work-

ing out a State Aid Bill that is best for the State as a whole. There is considerable evidence that the thinking coming out of these meetings will help make possible intelligent revision of the present State Aid Bill.

### New Library Science Program

Michigan State Normal College has announced the reorganization of its library science program this fall. The new plan has been developed in accordance with the tentative standards established by the joint committee of the American Library Association and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Miss Margaret R. Robinson, formerly school librarian and Supervisor of Library Practice, Roosevelt School of Michigan State Normal College, will have charge of the Library Science program in the Department of Education. Miss Ida Brink and Mr. Ray Binns of Lincoln School and Mrs. Helmi Schoch of Roosevelt School will assist in directing the field work of the library science students.

The revised classes have been started this semester. The program is organized on the theory that all school librarians, whether part-time or full-time, need the same basic training. Students training at Michigan State Normal College will receive a practical and concentrated course that will permit them to have an opportunity to receive the wide general education so needed by school librarians. Announcement of the details of the curriculum and program will be made in the near future.



## School Librarians Institute

"Books Help Growing Personalities" was the theme of the 1952 School Librarians Institute held at St. Mary's Lake Camp near Battle Creek on September 19 and 20. Well over 125 librarians and teachers registered for the conference which was sponsored by the School and Children's Section of the M.L.A. The Conference theme was presented in talks, booklists and exhibits and discussed in buzz sessions. Hiking, canoeing, square dancing and getting acquainted were favorite free-time activities.

On Saturday morning Dr. William Morse of the School of Education, University of Michigan, talked on "Growing Personalities of Children and Young People," and Miss Jean Roos, Head of the Department of Service for Youth, Cleveland Public Library, presented "Personality Patterns." Dr. Morse from the viewpoint of a psychologist and a parent, characterized skillfully and with humor the young people of today and outlined some of the problem they face in this "hyper-thyroid" world. He pointed out that we need to see through children's eyes and to realize how important it is for them to feel that they "belong" in their own group or gang; and that we must help them find their place in the scheme of things.

That young people can, through their reading, see adult angles on problems, such as broken homes, for example, was affirmed by Miss Roos. She stressed that, since they read subjectively, putting themselves in the place of book characters, it is extremely important to consider what situations are portrayed in the books we select for them and to provide opportunities for discussion of their reading. One way of keeping in contact with the viewpoints of adolescents is to form a youth council and to encourage participation in book selection and evaluation. "Personality Patterns through Books", a special book-list for young people, grew out of such cooperation in Cleveland.

Selective booklists for young people and for children were presented by Miss Helen Funnell, Librarian of the Collingwood High School, Cleveland, and Miss Louise Singley, Librarian of the Children's Department of

the Kalamazoo Public Library. Their discriminating evaluations of recent books in terms of children's needs and interests were an excellent supplement to the Saturday morning talks and will be most helpful in choosing and using specific titles.

Recruitment opportunities and responsibilities of librarians were called to the attention of the group by Miss Sarita Davis, Librarian of the University Elementary School and Chairman of the Recruiting Committee of the M.L.A. She recommended that, in view of the current shortage, we should make every effort to recruit librarians. We should know about opportunities in the profession, collect and distribute printed information about librarianship, present career programs sometimes to groups not all ready interested in library work, foster school library clubs and staff organizations, and remember that libraries need library technicians as well as professional workers. A recruitment skit authored by Richard Darling, Librarian of the University High School, was given with the help of several school librarians.

Miss Esther Barth, Monroe High School, served as Conference Chairman. Her assistants were Miss Jean Lowrie, Campus School, Western Michigan College of Education, Program; Miss Donna Loew, Grand Haven High School, Exhibits; Miss Retha Johnson and Miss Marge Tinsley, Wyandotte School Libraries, Registration; Miss Jane Olive Hartsig, River Rouge High School, Publicity; Miss Lucille Penniman, Walter French Junior High School, Lansing, Transportation; and Miss Frances Thomas and Miss Theodosia Conklin, Wyandotte School Libraries, Hostesses. Miss Alice Louise LeFevre, Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan College of Education, and Miss Louise Rees, School Library Consultant, Michigan State Library, served as consultants and Mrs. Edna Mack of the University of Michigan Extension Faculty acted as coordinator of the conference.

Among those who led discussion groups were Miss Grace Winton, Northwestern High School, Detroit; Miss Eleanor Burgess, Chief of the Children's Department, Grand Rapids

Public Library; Miss Jean Johnson, State Library Consultant, Cadillac; Miss Sarita Davis; Miss Ruth Walker, Midland Elementary School Libraries; Miss Mate Graye Hunt, Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan College of Education; Miss Leona Hough, Theodore Roosevelt High School, Wyandotte; Mrs. Esther Criss, Dearborn School Libraries; Miss Eugenia Schmitz, Creston High School, Grand Rapids; Miss Hazel Brown, Elementary School Librarian, Royal Oak; Miss Lucille Prange, East Grand Rapids High School; Miss Lucille Penniman; Miss Florence Hazlitt, Midland High School; and Mrs. Verna Hancock, Three Rivers High School.

The School and Children's Section is proud of the registration and participation in this annual conference which has grown remarkably since the first Teacher Librarians Institute, sponsored by the School Library Section of M.L.A., was held at Waldenwoods, Hartland, in 1944.

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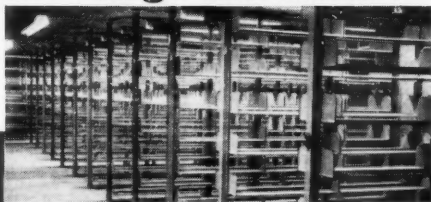


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## Book Review Sessions

Teachers and librarians in smaller communities have long envied their opposite numbers in the large cities for their book review sessions. This year a series of such meetings will be held in Ann Arbor for anyone within driving distance. Reviewers are being recruited from the group and are being supplied with examination copies of new books to introduce to children, and to report back to their colleagues on the appeal made to youngsters by the author and on its place on the scale of artistic and literary values. A number of publishers all ready are showing their interest in the group by supplying examination copies which are returnable, if not of use to any member of the group and thus non-saleable to any school or library.

The dates for these forums are October 18, November 22, February 7, March 7, and April 18, as Saturday was chosen as the day in the expectation that professionals studying on the campus would like to stay on for a

refresher session on books for children, and their friends could ride with them. The exhibit of new books opens at 11:00 A. M. in the Children's Library at the Monroe Street entrance to the University Elementary School. An informal buffet luncheon is scheduled for 12:10 in the Cafeteria to be followed at 12:40 by the talks. On October 18 the reviewers will be Hazel Keedle, Children's Librarian at the Ann Arbor Public Library, Lois Jones, Mary Hynes, Katherine Craig, Olga Goudy and Hazel Jungquist, teachers in the Ann Arbor Elementary Schools. Katherine McClure, of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, is the chairman of the forum Materials for celebrating Book Week and United Nations Day will be featured in the display. All booksellers, librarians, parents, teachers, and other adults interested are invited to join the group and to send reservations for luncheon by the preceding Wednesday to Sarita Davis, Librarian, University Elementary School.

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## Trustees - A Challenge

If you are a library trustee (board member) you should be a member of the Trustee Section of the Michigan Library Association. Those are fighting words if you are already so busy with finances or the building committee on the local board, besides all the other civic jobs you've let yourself in for, that you haven't time to open the new magazines lined up on your own periodical shelf.

The Trustees Section is just what you need, nevertheless, for it is a group of amateurs like yourself, all volunteer workers, who are struggling with practically the same problem—or worse ones.

Trustee Section? The term is confusing to anyone unfamiliar with the Michigan Library set up. There are nine or ten sections or divisions in the M.L.A. such as Childrens' Librarian Section, Adult Education Section and Trustee Section. Once you get used to calling yourself a trustee instead of a board member, it's easy. And once your board has decided to see that all its trustees are paid up members in M.L.A., the better trustee you'll be. That is the deduction, at least, if the aims of the trustee section are given some thought and just a little action by its members or those who should be members.

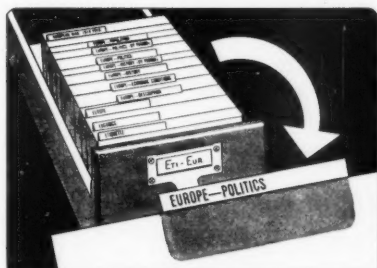
Besides promoting library work in general and assisting in developing state and local library services, the section, aims to stimulate "the interest of trustees in becoming better and more effective guiders of library policies." The latter aim alone should throw a bunch of amateur trustees into a sectional huddle. Contacts at the annual district meetings in the spring and the annual M.L.A. meetings in the fall with trustees from all parts of the state should help solve many mutual problems. Such meetings should "assist in the proper emphasis being placed upon the difference between the duties and responsibilities of the trustees as contrasted with those of the professional administrative staff." They should also "widen the horizon of trustees and encourage them to view local problems more in terms of the welfare of the entire surrounding territory."

With these incentives it's logical that trustees should then become a more powerful

means of influencing public opinion in the town, state and nation. It is the aim of the section "to stimulate the interest of the public in the qualifications of good trustees and to encourage appointment or election of such individuals. It is just as interested in "assisting in the recruiting of young people for training as librarians."

With all of this in mind the trustee must remember that no one is going to demand that he accomplish these aims. Only his conscience, a semi-critical public and an ambitious librarian can prod him into doing the things he obligates himself to when he becomes a trustee for his library.

(Note to librarians. I realize that only those trustees who are members of M.L.A. will be exposed to this information. May I beg your assistance in urging your trustees to take their "Manual for Michigan Library Trustees" seriously? Author.)



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## *The State Library - A report of Progress*

The Michigan State Library is now fairly centralized at temporary headquarters — 125 East Shiawassee Street, Lansing. It will be at this location for about one year, until the renovation of the fire-damaged quarters at the State Office Building is completed. The re-located Reference Room opened on February 11, 1952, with hours from 8:00 A.M.—5:30 P.M., Monday through Saturday. The telephone number is still 5-8144.

On the first floor of the new quarters is the Circulation Section and Reference Room, including the general reference books, current periodicals, pictures and clipping files, Art and Music Section, Michigan and local history materials and a special selection of books for state employees. The second floor houses the business offices, Extension Division, Traveling Library and Juvenile Reference Section.

The Information Center on the ground floor of the Capitol Building, which was opened shortly after the fire, will continue as a

branch library and the center for the teletypewriter service.

The move to the two-story building on Shiawassee involved the removal of about 150,000 books from the stack space and the complete clearance of all catalogs, files, and other library furniture from the Reference Room at the State Office Building. These were trucked about one-half mile across town. A major part of the job was the inter-shelving of some 50,000 books which were already at Shiawassee Street. These were the books which were removed from the building immediately after the fire for drying and rebinding or books sent out on loan and returned since the fire.

The temporary headquarters cannot house the entire library collection. Still in the stacks at the State Office Building are state and federal documents, most of the bound periodicals and newspapers, and certain sets of books. The documents librarians will con-



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tinue to work in the old building during the renovation.

The Shiawassee Street space is cheerful, comfortable and efficiently arranged. The greatest handicap in giving service is the incompleteness of the collection. Nevertheless, the Michigan State Library is back in business and its mail and in-person book and information center will again be as rapid and thorough as the staff can make it.

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